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SUBJ: QUARTERLY MEAT CABLE

REF: (A) OTTAWA 3065, AUG 15, 1975; (B) OTTAWA 4251,  
NOV 14, 1975

1. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (1971 DOLLARS) PERCENTAGE  
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER.

QUARTER 1974 1975 1976

1ST	0.9	-1.1	2.0 EST
2ND	-0.3	0.5	
3RD	0.0	1.0	
4TH	-0.2	1.3 EST	

2. SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION: PORK, MUTTON AND LAMB,  
POULTRY (THOUSAND POUNDS).

POST	POST	
REVISED	ESTIMATE	FORCCAST
1974	1975	1976

(A) PORK

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STOCKS, JAN 1 33,114 22,892 16,592

PRODUCTION	1,347,230	1,155,000	1,170,000
IMPORTS	80,190	112,000	115,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,460,534	1,289,892	1,301,592
EXPORTS	92,174	95,000	100,000
DOM.			
DISAPPEARANCE	1,345,468	1,178,300	1,184,092
STOCKS, DEC 31	22,892	16,592	17,500
PER			
CAPITA (LBS)	59.9	51.6	51.2

(B) MUTTON AND LAMB

STOCKS, JAN 1	7,233	6,814	4,123
PRODUCTION	18,336	18,430	19,500
IMPORTS	38,397	39,550	45,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	63,966	64,794	68,623
EXPORTS	126	230	250
DOM.			
DISAPPEARANCE	57,026	60,441	63,373
STOCKS, DEC 31	6,814	4,123	5,000
PER			
CAPITA (LBS)	2.5	2.6	2.7

(C) POULTRY

STOCKS, JAN 1	75,899	90,110	49,618
PRODUCTKON	1,034,769	925,400	980,000
IMPORTS	22,369	25,400	23,500
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,133,037	1,040,910	1,053,118
EXPORTS	20,488	4,500	4,000
DOM.			
DISAPPEARANCE	1,022,439	986,792	1,002,318
STOCKS, DEC 31	90,100	49,618	46,800
PER			
CAPITA (LBS)	45.4	43.2	43.3

3. BEEF PRODUCTION

A) ESTIMATE OF CATTLE NUMBERS ON FARMS (THOUSANDS)

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	1974	1975	1976
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JULY 1	14,948	15,260	15,150
DEC 31	14,018	14,100	14,300

B) SLAUGHTER (THOUSANDS)

CATTLE	3,629	4,070	4,000
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CALVES	616	1,070	950
TOTAL	4,245	5,140	4,950

(C) SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION (THOUSANDS LBS CARCASS WEIGHT EQUIVALENT)

	POST REVISED 1974	ESTIMATE 1975	FORECAST 1976
STOCKS, JAN 1	56,729	44,180	51,000
PRODUCTION			
TOTAL	2,076,521	2,320,000	2,350,000
BEEF	1,999,106	2,190,000	2,220,000
VEAL	77,415	130,000	130,000
IMPORTS			
TOTAL	180,153	183,000	190,000
BONE-IN	12,059	9,100	10,000
BONELESS			
FRESH	14,171	13,500	15,000
FROZEN	131,278	144,700	149,000
OTHER	22,645	15,700	16,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	2,313,403	2,547,180	2,591,000
EXPORTS-TOTAL	57,578	48,365	74,000
BEEF			
BONE-IN	6,944	1,730	3,000
BONELESS	41,598	32,000	56,000
CURED	4,114	7,070	8,000
VEAL	965	325	500
NES	3,957	7,240	6,500
DOMESTIC			
DISAPPEARANCE	2,211,645	2,447,815	2,464,000
STOCKS, DEC 31	44,180	51,000	53,000
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CAPITA (BLS)	98.4	107.2	106.6
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4. PRICE FORECAST

(A) WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - SOUTHERN ONTARIO  
(A1 STEER CARCASSES/SIDES 500-700 LBS. CANADIAN CENTS PER POUND).

FINAL 1974 PRICES UNCHANGED FROM REFTL (A)

	ESTIMATE 1975	FORECAST 1976
JANUARY	86.59	82.12
FEBRUARY	76.12	77.50

MARCH	73.05	77.50
APRIL	72.88	78.00
MAY	88.37	84.00
JUNE	89.28	86.00
JULY	88.52	87.00
AUGUST	85.15	91.00
SEPTEMBER	89.06	93.00
OCTOBER	90.81	93.00
NOVEMBER	87.95	87.00
DECEMBER	87.32	85.00
ANNUAL AVERAGE	84.59	85.09

5. QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS  
TO U.S. (THOUSAND POUNDS PRODUCT WEIGHT)

QUARTER	1974	1975	1976
1ST	11,877	1,853	12,000
2ND	6,971	2,464	18,000
3RD	8,905	9,944	16,000
4TH	8,427	8,450	18,000
TOTAL	36,180	22,711	64,000

COMMENT: 1. AGRICULTURE CANADA PROJECTS FIRST HALF 1976 HOG  
SLAUGHTER TO AVERAGE 6 TO 8 PERCENT BELOW CORRESPONDING PERIOD  
1975. FIRST QUARTER DECLINES OF BETWEEN 8 AND 10 PERCENT ARE  
EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY SMALLER DECLINES OF BETWEEN 4 AND  
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6. PERCENT DURING SECOND QUARTER. HOWEVER, JANUARY 1976  
MARKETINGS SUGGEST UPTURN MAY BE SLOWER THAN THIS PROJECTION.  
HOGS GRADED THROUGH FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS DURING JANUARY  
17 PERCENT BELOW THOSE MARKETING JANUARY 1975.

2. LEVEL OF 1976 CANADIAN BEEF OUTPUT INFLUENCED BY FOUR MAIN  
FACTORS: I) EXPECTED HALT TO INCREASING CATTLE  
INVENTORY; II) RENEWED INTEREST IN CATTLE FEEDING;  
III) FEMALE SLAUGHTER EXPECTED TO AVERAGE BELOW  
1975 LEVELS; IV) HEAVIER AVERAGE SLAUGHTER WEIGHTS.  
INCREASES IN TOTAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER JANUARY-JUNE 1976 MAY BE  
OFFSET BY REDUCTIONS IN SECOND HALF. IF RETURN TO  
GREATER CATTLE FEEDING CONTINUES THROUGHOUT 1976,  
WITH RELATED HEAVIER MARKET WEIGHTS, TOTAL BEEF  
OUTPUT MAY AVERAGE ABOVE 1975 PRODUCTION LEVEL.  
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